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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Walt Rostow
The White House

SUBJECT: Growing Pessimism Among Nationalist
Chinese Leaders

I have become increasingly concerned with the growing pessimism among the Nationalist Chinese leaders and I invite your attention to the attached memorandum on this subject. You will note that we have concluded that Nationalist Chinese officials appear more dejected over the trend of events in the Far East than at any time since their defeat on the mainland in 1949. I believe the possible effects of this pessimism, as outlined in the paper, are of particular concern.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Deputy Director

Attachment

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